

Leicester,
July 12. 1872.

Dear Garrison;

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Again I am your debtor for a valuable & beautiful book - the Life of Mazzini, one of the real leaders of humanity's march, - with your admirable introduction. Before its publication I had read the notices of its coming, & of your hand in it; and had ordered & received it for our Town Library. It is an important addition to American reading, and a most needed example of fidelity & consistency, in these days of ~~such~~ extraordinary flinging away of all such things, nay of all decency & common respect to the judgment of men, such as the Democratic Party of the United States, and its new leader & Candidate (!!!), manifest. What a riddling they deserve, and ought to get. Let them not be spared.

You have perhaps thought it
very strange, not to hear from me before
in acknowledgment of the receipt of the
book; but the fact is, I have only had
it a few days, though the date in it,
in your hand-writing, is June 1st.
I suppose my Sister Mary's house
was closed at that time, and so
you took the great trouble to get it
over to 3 Exeter Street; but it did
not happen to be mentioned to me when
I was there; and indeed I think it
probable I was not there, after the
book came there; as my Mother left
& went to Milton early in June, and
they were getting ready to close the Exeter
St. house. Be sure I thank
you very much for it, & shall value
it highly.

Do you know how poorly our good
Richard D. Webb is? I had a note
from him, a day or two since, written

June 24. (or 25.) "from his bed". He said he had fallen off very much; he spends the morn^g. in bed, and about noon is lifted in a chair over
of doors, where he reclines, on an air-bed, under a sort of tent his sons have put up for him. He writes with little apparent expectation of being any better. I think now that few things will comfort him so much as letters from his American friends.

Oliver Johnson has sent me a copy of the little souvenir of his wife wh. he has had printed. - viz. the Services in full at the funeral occasion in New York. I have been writing to thank him, & tell him how admirable all those services appeared to me. - I have greatly lost confidence in T. Tilton - not in his good judgment any - but he seems to have appeared at his best on that occasion. And how calmly & beautifully Mrs. Norton's words must have come in.

We are all tolerably well - somehow constantly busy - with some summer company, &c. With love to your wife, Very affly Yrs. S. May.

